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Foreword

It is Winter as I start to write up my catalog of my Iris introductions. A few personal notes to introduce myself to you:

I have been growing and hybridizing Iris for rebloomers for 30 years and have been a member of the American Iris Society during that time. I have been an Iris Judge for over 20 years and so am now a Senior Iris Judge, a new class of older judges.

I started with Autumn Elf and now and then produced a rebloomer. Eleven years ago, I increased the number of seedlings I raised and began to get 2 or 3 rebloomers a year. Since then, I have issued a catalog of rebloomers with gradual improvement. As the numbers of reblooming seedlings increase, there is more choice and now some equal the Spring bloomers in quality.

Last year, there were 50 or more seedlings which sent up stalks in the summer and fall. This year 59 seedlings sent up stalks 1 inch or more. Nov. 1, there were 78 seedlings with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or more stalks and more with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stalks. I cut off center fans that looked as if they had stalks and so could count them. I also cut off other center fans from seedlings, not from rebloomers, and no stalks, even $\frac{1}{4}$ inch ones, were present. So, the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stalks indicate a reblooming tendency. Rebloomers usually rebloom at an earlier date the second year.

Summer and Fall crosses: First cross Aug. 5—100 crosses to Sept. 11—125 crosses to Sept. 15—161 crosses to Oct. 1. There were 72 seed pods produced. 11 seed pods set in Aug.—36 were ripe and seeds were planted in a bunch as usual. Later seed pods were split and planted pod and seeds. Stalks in bloom Aug. 27—29 and 102 growing; Sept. 7—43 in bloom; Sept. 19—56 in bloom; Oct. 8—103 stalks in bloom and 130 growing; Oct. 8-25—over 100 stalks in bloom daily; Heavy frost Oct. 25. There were 30 to 40 different seedlings and named kinds in bloom. Many kinds, every sizeable rhizome, has a bloomstalk. Those starting in August, continued until frost on successive stalks, so some were in bloom 3 months. Some clumps with 10 or 12 bloomstalks, made a fine display.

Visitors are always welcome. Spring

bloom is from June 1 to 15. Rebloom starts around August 1. (Rebloom time stated is for my garden and is the start of the rebloom.) I indicate the number of years of rebloom to date. Some are 1 year seedlings and bloomed first last fall. Others are 2 years or more. It takes 4 or 5 years to determine the earliest and average reblooming time and it varies in different gardens. In good soil with plenty of humus and frequent summer showers, bloom is much earlier. The number of days is not the only item. Speed of growth varies a great deal. Stalks will grow in 2 or 3 days after a warm rain and the use of liquid fertilizer, so bloom comes earlier in northern regions in some cases. It isn't just the number of growing days—the speed of growth is important.

My garden is in sight of the salt water, near Westport Point in the town of Westport, Massachusetts. It is on the main road, No. 1603, 60 miles from Boston, 35 miles from Providence, Rhode Island, 12 miles south of Route #6, off the new Expressway to Horse-neck Beach. Turn right to Central Village at the traffic light and left on the main road. I have my **I R I S** sign beside the road.

A personal reason for introducing Iris without a longer trial period is that I will be 75 in April and may have to give up Iris gardening if my health fails. I have no successor in my family and would like to see rebloomers advance in quality, as rapidly as possible, so I offer my introductions as soon as they prove worthy in my estimation. Once in a while, I'm wrong. One Fall Perfection failed last year because of rot; all others proved reliable out of 6 introduced. Summer Date proved a good rebloomer after one year with poor growth and no bloom, so Fall Perfection may be all right after further trial. Many of this year's are Summer Surprise seedlings. It was the only one to bloom freely one year and I crossed it with everything.

1963 Introductions

- 1. Summer Lavanette — \$20.00** — Has rebloomed 2 years. A tall bearded rebloomer. S. pale Lavender F. Closed — Medium Flare — Lavender — Lavender Veins on Cream color base, beside Orange beard. Stalk 34 inches, 5 branches, 16 buds. Parentage: (Autumn Afternoon X Glowport). Every rhizome

sent up a stalk in August and September. Does not set seed easily.

2. **Summer Date — \$25.00** — S. deep Yellow — Closed F. — Slight Flare — Same color. Heavy substance. Reblooms early August until frost. Stalk 36 inches, 4 branches, 10 buds. Named in 1960. Sets seed easily. 3 years record. Increase slow. Parentage: (Double Date X (Autumn Twilight X Fall Primrose).
3. **Summer Red — \$25.00** — S. light Brown, flushed Red, closed. F. — wide flare, dark Red. Red veins in White area, beside Yellow beard tipped Brown. Good substance. Summer rebloomer. 2-year record. Sets seed easily. Parentage: (Pottawatomi X Summer Surprise).
4. **Summer Goldilocks — \$15.00** — Flower — S. Golden Yellow — Closed F. — Golden Yellow — Medium Flare. Triangular White area beside Golden beard, extending part-way down Falls with Golden veins in it. Beard is Golden Yellow. Sets seed easily. Rebloom last of August. 2-year record. Stalk 34 inches, 5 branches, 16 buds. Parentage: (Mattie Gates X Summer Surprise).
5. **Autumn Tints — \$25.00** — Flower — S. Brown, flushed Red, closed. F. Slight Flare. Red Brown Blend Form, like Mary Randall. Sets seed easily. Prolific bloomer. Rebloom in September. 1st year record. 3 Stalks bloomed and 2 others grew 6 inches on increase. Stalk 31 inches, 3 branches, 10 buds. 1" in diameter. Parentage: (Mary Randall X Sea Orchid).
6. **Summer Tabletine — \$5.00** — Table type rebloomer. S. Pale Yellow — Closed F. Slight Flare — Brown veins, White styles, Yellow tipped beard. Sets seed easily. Small dainty flower. Reblooms heavily the last of August until frost. Stalk 25 inches, 3 branches, 7 buds. 4-year record. Parentage: (Autumn Twilight X Halloween Night).
7. **Fall Yellowwings — \$15.00** — Flower — S. closed, medium Yellow F. Flare same color, no veins. Good substance. Good increase. Stalk 34 inches, 4 branches, 12 buds. Rebloom September 1 till frost. 3 stalks one year rebloom record. Parentage: (Autumn Snowdrift X (Russet Wings X Fall Primrose).
8. **September Serenade — \$25.00** — Flower

— S. closed, Red flush F. Red flare — Red veins beside beard in Cream base color. Yellow Beard. Stalk 30 inches, 3 wide branches, 8 buds. Set 3 Pods on one stalk this fall! One year record of rebloom. Rebloom in early September. Parentage: (Fall Serenade X Summer Surprise).

- 9. Fall Greenway — \$25.00** — Flower — S. Pale Green, closed — F. Green shading to White flaring. Darker Green veins beside Yellow beard. Stalk 32 inches, 3 branches, 7 buds. Rebloom in October. One year record. A really Green Iris, no Yellow in it — just White and Green. Parentage: (September Charm X Summer Surprise).

1962 Introductions

- 1. Autumn Sensation — \$20.00** — A re-blooming Amoena—Flower—S., Flushed Blue fading to pure White addressed—F. Dark Blue Purple wide flare. Few veins, Blue Purple on Cream base color at base of Falls. Yellow beard — fragrant. Stalk 29 inches, 4 branches, 10 buds. Has re-bloomed two years in October. Sets seed easily. Parentage: Amoena seedling from (Snow Carnival X Green Dragon) (Fall Fairy X Planet).
- 2. Autumn Orangelite — \$20.00** — A Border Bearded rebloomer — Flower S. closed. F. slight flare. A deep Orange self. Medium sized flower in proportion to 18-inch stalk. 3 Branches, 9 buds. Rebloom in October — 5 stalks this fall. Has re-bloomed for two years. Fine clear color, no veining. Parentage: (Fall Fairy X Sally Ann).
- 3. Fall Perfection** — Sold out for 1963. Poor increase.
- 4. Autumn Jane — \$5.00** — Border Bearded rebloomer. Flower — S., addressed — F. slight flare — medium Blue self. Largest Flower of my rebloomers. Stalk 24 inches, 3 branches, 6 buds. Has re-bloomed in August but average start for rebloom is late September. 4 years rebloom. Sets seed easily. No pollen. Good increase. Parentage: (Phillips X Autumn Snowdrift).
- 5. September Buttercup — \$8.00** — A Border Bearded rebloomer. Flower — S. closed.

F. slight flare. A Buttercup Yellow self. Stalk 24 inches, 3 branches, 8 buds. Sets seed easily. Reblooms from August to October 25th. 3 years rebloom recorded. Parentage: (Fall Primrose X Double Date).

- 6. Summer Inspiration — \$5.00** — Flower — S. addressed — F. slight flare, Slight Yellow F. Light Yellow with Orchid flush at base. Slight fragrance. Stalk 30 inches, 3 branches, 9 buds. Has rebloomed from August 1st until frost for 5 years. Sets seed easily. A most prolific summer rebloomer. Large clumps have stalk on every rhizome. Parentage: (Autumn Twilight X Lapham's Mauve seedling).

1961 Introductions

- 1. Summer Whitewings — \$10.00** — (Autumn Twilight X Fall Primrose X Fair Day). Purest White self — S. closed — Falls slight flare. No veins. Orange beard — stalk 30 inches, 3 branches, 7 flowers. Sets seed easily. Rebloom in early August until frost.
- 2. Summer Sprite — \$5.00** — (Tinted Porcelain X Fall Primrose)—S. closed, F.—slight flare, palest Blue self, Yellow beard. Stalk 27 inches, 3 branches. An intermediate rebloomer. Reblooms the last of August till frost.
- 3. Summer Blue — \$8.00** — (Harvest Blue X Autumn Twilight) — S. closed Light Blue, F. — slight flare, shade deeper Blue. Few Brown veins base of falls. Reblooms in early August till frost. Stalk 30 inches, 3 branches.
- 4. Fall Bluebird — \$5.00** — (Fall Fairy X Menomenee) — S. — light Blue — closed — F. — deeper Blue — Waved. Reblooms in September until frost. Stalk 27 inches, 3 branches. An intermediate rebloomer.

1960 Introductions

- 1. September Sailor — \$5.00** — (October Shadows X Mount Timp) X (Menomenee) — S. — medium Blue — closed F. — wide flare with deep Blue band across the falls, with light Blue at base of falls and at tips. Stalk 30 inches, 3 branches, 11 buds. Sweet fragrance. Reblooms from the last of August until frost.

2. **Fall Serenade — \$5.00** — (October Shadows X Mount Timp) X (Menomenee) S. — closed, medium Blue, falls Red Purple, wide flare. Wide hafts. Fine substance. Stalk 30 inches, 3 branches. Reblooms the last of September till frost. Parent of September Serenade 1963, which reblooms earlier.
3. **September Gleam — \$4.00** — (October Shadows X Fall Primrose) — A Greenish Yellow rebloomer. S. clear Greenish Yellow — closed F., slight flare, a shade deeper color. Fragrant. Stalk 30 inches. 3 banches, 9 buds. Reblooms in September.
4. **Fall Melolite — \$3.00** — (Reveille X Autumn Twilight) X (Cherie). S. clear light Yellow — closed F. wide flare, same color. Orange beard. Stalk 24 inches, 3 branches. Reblooms in October. Sets seed easily. Fine form and substance.

1959 Introductions

1. **September Cream — \$5.00** — (Fall Primrose X Double Date) — S. closed light Yellow — F. slight flare, light Yellow. Stalk 32 inches, 3 branches, 10 buds. Reblooms the last of August till frost.
2. **October Beauty — \$5.00** — (Halloween Night X Autumn Twilight) X (Autumn Twilight) — S. — Bronze Yellow, closed F., same color with Bronze veins to tip of Orange beard. Stalk 30 inches, 4 branches, 14 buds. Early September rebloomer. A fine grower and bloomer.
3. **September Charm — \$5.00** — (Fall Primrose X Green Dragon) — S. closed, Lemon Yellow — F. slight flare Lemon Yellow. Stalk 24 inches. A September rebloomer.

1958 Introductions

1. **Fall Fairy — \$2.00** — S. pale Lavender — closed F., deeper shade. September rebloomer. (Evelyn Pullar X October Shadows).
2. **Sea Orchid — \$2.00** — Not a rebloomer, but one Parent of 1963 introduction Autumn Tints. — (Autumn Twilight X Captains Wells) (Autumn Twilight X Tinted Porcelain) — S. closed, waved, Lavender and Cream — F. deeper shade. Brown

veins base of falls, slight flare. Fine substance. Stalk 26 inches, 4 wide branches, 7 buds.

- 3. Chartreuse Chalice — \$5.00** — Not a rebloomer. A Green Iris. — (Tinted Porcelain) X (New Horizon) — A Chartreuse self — S. addressed — F. wide flare. Stalk 34 inches, 3 wide branches, 7 buds. Orange beard.

My Earlier Reblooming Introductions

- 1. August Indian** — Red — August rebloomer \$2.00
- 2. September Contrast** — S. light Lavender F. deeper shade. A September rebloomer 2.00
- 3. September Pastel** — Two shades of Blue. August rebloomer 2.00
- 4. Fall Primrose** — Yellow with White area on falls. An August rebloomer. One of my best 2.00
- 5. Green Dragon** — Exotic Green and Lavender. Curved stalk. Early September rebloomer 2.00
- 6. Autumn Bronze** — S. light Brown — F. Red Brown. Late September rebloomer 1.00
- 7. Summer Surprise** — S. Ecrue, F. Lavender Pink. August rebloomer. Parent of many 1963 rebloomers .. 1.00
- 8. Autumn Afternoon** — S. Apricot Yellow — F. Pink Lavender. August rebloomer 1.00
- 9. Autumn Snowdrift** — S. Pure White — F. White with few Lavender veins. Late September rebloomer 1.00
- 10. Autumn Twilight** — S. Brown Yellow — F. Lavender Yellow. August rebloomer 1.00
- 11. Autumn Elf** — S. Cream — F. Pale Lavender. August rebloomer 1.00
- 12. Barre Beauty** — Light Blue. First rebloomer — last of July 1.00
- 13. October Shadows** — S. Pale Lavender — F. Brown Lavender 1.00

- 14. September Sparkler** — Light Blue —
September rebloomer 1.00
- 15. Fall Violet** — Dark Blue. September
rebloomer 1.00
- 16. Harvest Blue** — Dark Blue. Late
September rebloomer 1.00
- 17. Tinted Porcelain** — A delicate
Lavender self. Not a rebloomer here.
Reblooms in California 1.00
- 18. August Waves** — Two shades
of Blue 1.00

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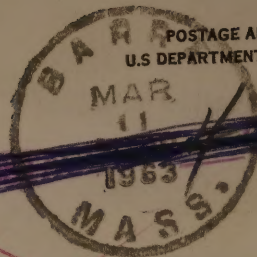
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